

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 29 and ending on page 5, line 33:

--Figure 4 illustrates a steering system 19 that includes an electric motor 20 and a worm gear mechanism 21. The steering system 19 may be a power-assisted steering system or a power steering system. In addition, Figure 5 includes a cross-sectional view of the electric motor 20 and the worm gear mechanism 21 of Figure 4, the worm gear mechanism 21 including the composite gear wheel 1.--.